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CLEVELAND, MO., MAN INDICTED FOR ID THEFT, CREDIT CARD FRAUD

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Cleveland, Mo., man was indicted by a federal grand jury today for unlawfully using another person's Social Security number and credit card fraud.

Jeremy David Peery, 29, of Cleveland, was charged in a two-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that **Peery** used the Social Security number of another person, without authority, to commit an unlawful activity between September 1998 and Oct. 20, 2003.

Count Two of the indictment alleges that **Peery** committed credit card fraud by using an American Express card issued in the name of another person to receive things of a value exceeding \$1,000 between Feb. 13, 2001, and July 8, 2001.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in the indictment are simply accusations and not evidence of guilty. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney John E. Cowles. The case was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the U.S. Postal Inspection Service.

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